

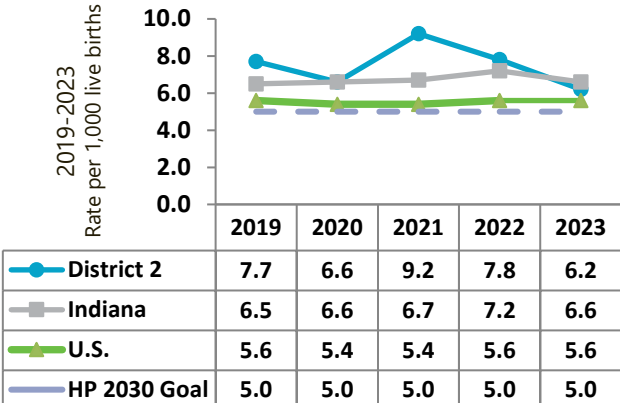
# Infant Mortality

## Health First Indiana District 2 2023



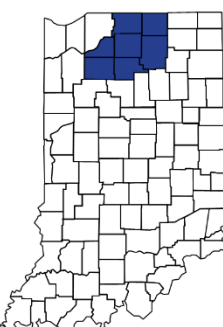
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### Infant Mortality Rates



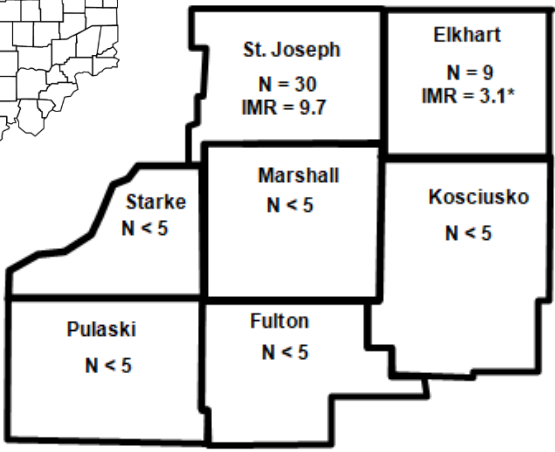
### Infant Mortality Facts

- Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday
- The infant mortality rate (IMR) is the number of babies who die in the first year of life per 1,000 live births
- In 2023, there were 524 infant deaths across the state, making the infant mortality rate 6.6
- Of the 524 Indiana infant deaths in 2023, 50 occurred in District 2.
- Non-Hispanic Black infants are 2.7 times more likely to die than Non-Hispanic White infants in Indiana

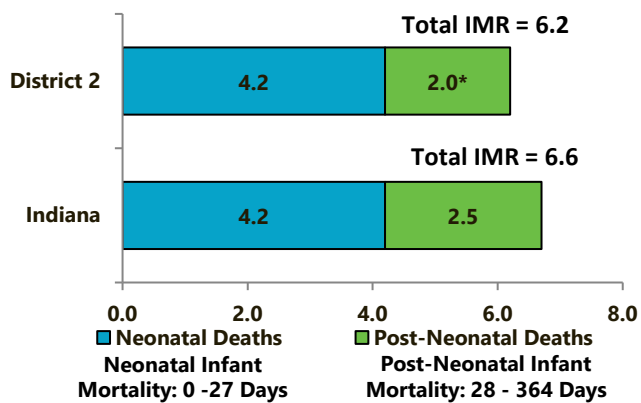


### District 2

IMR = 6.2  
N = 50



### Infant Mortality Rates by Age at Death, 2023

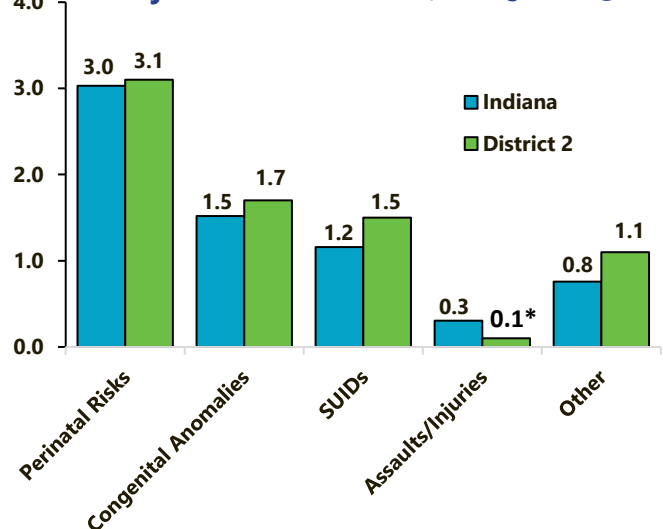


Note: Age-specific mortality rates may not sum to the overall IMR and cause-specific percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

### How to Reduce Infant Mortality

- Improve overall health for women of child-bearing age
- Promote early and adequate prenatal care
- Decrease early elective deliveries before 39 weeks
- Decrease prenatal smoking and substance use
- Increase breastfeeding duration and exclusivity
- Support birth spacing and interconception wellness
- Promote the ABCs of safe sleep: place baby to sleep alone, on his or her back, in a crib

### Infant Mortality Rates by Cause of Death, 2019-2023



# Birth Outcome Indicators

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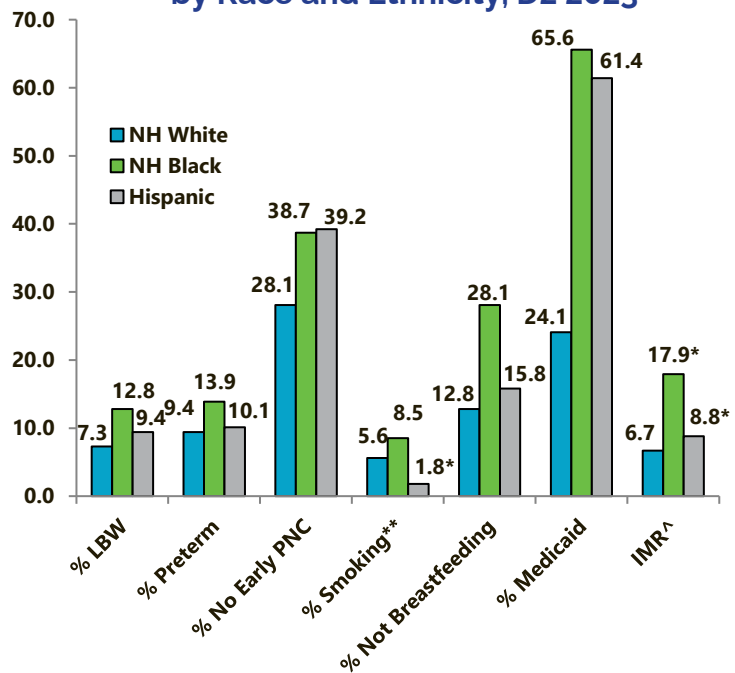
### Indiana Quick Facts

- Smoking rates among pregnant women continue to be much higher than the national rate
- Just over 1/4 of pregnant women do not receive early prenatal care (PNC)
- NH Black infants in Indiana are more likely to be LBW or preterm
- NH Black and Hispanic women in Indiana are more likely to not receive early prenatal care (1st trimester)
- NH White women in Indiana are more likely to smoke during pregnancy

### District 2 Quick Facts

- 8,015 live births in 2023
- Lower percentages of preterm and low birthweight births compared to the state of Indiana
- Lower percentage of women receiving early PNC compared to Indiana
- Lower percentage of women smoking during pregnancy compared to Indiana
- Higher percentage of breastfeeding at hospital discharge compared to Indiana

### Birth Outcome Indicators by Race and Ethnicity, D2 2023



^ = Rate per 1,000 live births  
 \*Numerator fewer than 20, rate unstable  
 \*\*Numerator fewer than 5, rate suppressed

LBW = Low Birthweight    PNC = Prenatal Care    IMR = Infant Mortality Rate    NH = Non-Hispanic

	% LBW (< 2,500 G)	% PRETERM (< 37 WKS GESTATION)	% NO EARLY PNC (1 <sup>ST</sup> TRIMESTER)	% SMOKING**	% NOT BREASTFEEDING	% MOTHER ON MEDICAID
ELKHART	7.8	9.6	32.5 <sup>S</sup>	3.1 <sup>S</sup>	9.4 <sup>S</sup>	45.3
FULTON	7.0*	6.1*	20.6	10.7 <sup>S</sup>	23.4	43.9
KOSCIUSKO	7.6	9.8	25.8	6.7	15.0	36.5
MARSHALL	8.2	10.7	30.8	4.9	18.9	39.8
PULASKI	10.4*	12.0*	23.2	8.0*	21.6	40.8
STARKE	6.8*	16.7	27.1	9.2	18.7	47.0
ST. JOSEPH	9.4	11.2	30.5 <sup>S</sup>	4.2	18.3 <sup>S</sup>	50.1
<b>DISTRICT 2</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>45.7</b>
<b>INDIANA</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>40.9</b>

\* = Fewer than 20 birth outcomes, percentage unstable

S = County significantly different from state (**significance not calculated for Mothers on Medicaid**).

\*\*Due to a change in reporting methods, smoking during pregnancy should not be compared to previous years data.